**Journalism Advisory Committee**

**Meeting [Minutes] February 1, 2023, 3:15 PM**

**Meeting Attendees:** Kimberley Kinsley (Chair), Sushma Subramanian, Eric Bonds (Secretary), Farhang Rouhani, Marie McAllister

**Approve the Minutes**

1. There was no meeting in November 2022.
2. The October 2022 minutes were approved by this committee via email.

**New Business**

1. Eric will serve as secretary
2. We discussed the editor-in-chief’s ongoing effort to obtain information about a disciplinary proceeding regarding an assault on campus.
   1. The school has a general policy of not providing information regarding disciplinary proceedings, even when they have to do with violent incidents, stating that this information should be private under FERPA.
   2. There is some legal gray area here, and good reason to believe that the University may be obligated to provide this information, especially because it does not relate to a grade and speaks to issues of public safety.
   3. The editor – Jess Kirby – has found a pro-bono lawyer who is planning to file an amicus brief on this issue.
   4. Jess will be invited to join our next meeting and update us on this issue, and we will then discuss if we should do any advocacy work on this topic as a committee.

**Old Business**

1. Sushma has encountered difficulty in removing the newspaper’s previous name from all UMW webpages. She has reached out to UMW’s web manager, but he has been slow to help, possibly being overwhelmed with work in the University’s transition to a new website.

**VI.** **Next Meeting, Friday, March, 10th at 3:15**